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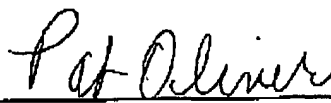
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I hereby certify that this 1st Amendment in the above-identified patent application, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being transmitted to telefax number 703-872-9306 on February 24, 2005.

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FIRST AMENDMENT

Dear Sir,

This is responsive to the official communication of 1/26/2005, rejecting all claims 1-26 under sections 102 and 112.

A listing of the claims as amended follows on the next and subsequent pages, and thereafter Remarks provide explanation and discussion.

If an extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefore. If any additional fees are required, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3790.